

Chairperson: Carlessia Hussein
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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 23, 2017
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Carlessia Hussein, Sheri Lewis, Kevin Carlson, Paul Nagy, Bob Sheesley, Darryl Burnett, Sue Song and Gary Stewart

Members Excused: Deborah Rivkin

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Carl DeLorenzo – Director of Policy & Programs, County Executive's Office

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up	
Welcome and Introductions	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.		
Approval of Minutes	Motion to accept April's minutes.	The motion to accept the April 25, 2017 minutes was approved unanimously.	
New Business	<p>Integration of Mental Health and Local Mental Health Departments – Presentation by Carl DeLorenzo</p> <p>The concept of integrating substance use and mental health has been discussed many times over many years. The State integrated in 2013. There have been many changes at the State programmatically and recently legislatively, requiring locals to integrate. The County has been holding a series of public workgroup meetings to discuss integrating the SUD services at the HCHD and the MH services in the Mental Health Authority under one entity. Many stakeholders have been part of the process. The Workgroup is comprised of 15 diverse individuals spanning the SUD and Mental Health professions. At the conclusion of the workgroup meetings, there will be a vote to decide on an integrated structure. After a decision is made, the Workgroup's decision will go to the County Executive for his final decision. There will be a 13 month implementation timeline. Reorganization of county government doesn't happen often, so this is a long term change and will require changes in County Code.</p> <p>A Public Service and member of the Board of Health for Ten Years, Sue Song has come to the end of her term on the Board of Health. Sue is now the committee representative for Mental Health and Local Mental Health Dept.</p>	County Executive will appoint a new member to the Board. For future vacancies on the Board members may submit recommendations to the County Executive's office for consideration.	

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	<p>It was agreed members would prefer the replacement be someone with a Medical background. The Board Membership is 5 years – a Renewal is another 5 years – total 10 years a person may serve.</p> <p>Medical Marijuana Update: First full license issued to grow cannabis was in Ann Arundel County in May 2017. Approximately 4,371 patients have registered, 6,000 have applied for the license and 160 Physicians has applied to subscribe for Medical cannabis distribution. The amount of caregivers is 198. (MMCC)Commission hope to approve submitted license by August 14, 2017.</p>		
Old Business	<p>Health Officer Report:</p> <p>School Based Wellness Center programs are exploring putting a telemedicine program in Wilde Lake High Schools. HCHD Clinical Staff would work on a part-time basis. Working with schools to expand Mental Health. They do want Volunteers and will accept equipment donations (exam tables etc.)</p>		
Other Business	<p>Suggested topics for future meetings will be: Low Birth Weight & Infant Mortality, Accreditation, Mental Health Day, and Status of Syringe Exchange Program.</p> <p>Invitation extended to Board Members to join Staff on June 16, 2017 for Training and Picnic. Training in the morning, picnic to start at 12:00 noon, here at HCHD.</p> <p>Next BOH meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017. Board Members to decide on having Meetings in July and August 2017.</p>		
Chairperson's Report	N/A		
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>		

Next Board of Health Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045